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As a below named inventor, I/We hereby declare that:

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I/We believe I/We am/are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## COLD-FORGED HITCH RECEIVER AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

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